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For the first regular session of 2001 of the Executive Board to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 22 to 26 January 2001

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The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the first regular session of 2001 of the Executive Board. The annex contains the proposed timetable and organization of work for the session.

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[1] Deferred from the second regular session of 2000.

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session

(a) Election of the officers of the Executive Board for 2001

The first action following the opening of the session will be the election of the President and four Vice-Presidents representing the regional groups of the United Nations. In accordance with decision 1992/7 (E/ICEF/1992/14), the President of the Board will be nominated from among the Eastern European group of States which are members of the Executive Board.

(b) Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

Following the elections, introductory statements will be made by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

(c) Election of Executive Board representatives to the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health and to the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education

The Executive Board will elect representatives to both the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA CCH and the UNESCO/UNICEF JCE for the biennium 2001-2002 (1 January 2001-31 December 2002). UNICEF representatives to both committees are selected by the Executive Board and, for JCE only, include the President of the Board as an ex officio member. Each committee comprises five members elected in their personal capacity and representing the five regional groups at the United Nations, and five alternate members elected in their personal capacity from the same country as the members, bearing in mind the necessity for continuity. Members and their alternates nominated by States should be senior persons with relevant professional and UNICEF Executive Board expertise and experience, able to provide technical guidance and policy advice to the concerned organizations.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work

[*For action — E/ICEF/2001/2*]

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions, in particular the programme of work for 2001 adopted at the second regular session in September 2000 (E/ICEF/2000/8/Rev.1, decision 2000/18). The proposed timetable and organization of work, which was shared with the Bureau (CF/EB/2000/53 of 13 November 2000), is contained in the annex.

Decisions will be adopted as the discussion of each agenda item is concluded. However, if required, time will be set aside for Board members to consult informally on all outstanding draft decisions.

3. Report of the Executive Director (Part I): Annual report to the Economic and Social Council

[*For action — E/ICEF/2001/4 (Part I)*]

This report responds to relevant decisions taken by the Executive Board on the reports of the Executive Director to the Economic and Social Council over the past

several years, in particular decision 1999/6 (E/ICEF/1999/7/Rev.1), which requested the Executive Director to ensure that future reports to the Council advance the Board's wish for greater analytical effort, selected focus on key issues, problem-oriented reporting and discussions of lessons learned. The Board may wish to take note of this report and transmit it, together with the comments made by delegations at the present session, to the substantive session of 2001 of the Council.

Under this agenda item, the Board will also have before it a note by the secretariat on the UNICEF response to reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/ICEF/2001/5). The Board may wish to consider and adopt the draft recommendation contained in the note.

4. Country notes

[*For information — E/ICEF/2001/P/L.1-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.49*]

In accordance with decision 1995/8 (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1) on the consideration and approval of country programme recommendations (CPRs), the secretariat has prepared brief country notes for Board consideration. Designed to inform the Board at an early stage of the ideas regarding the mix and weight given to programme strategies and priorities, the country notes are for country programmes of cooperation to be implemented beginning in 2002. Comments made by delegations will be shared with the Governments concerned and used in developing the final CPRs for submission to the Board at its second regular session of 2001.

The Board will have before it 49 country notes: 9 from the Eastern and Southern Africa region: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.1-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.9, respectively); 9 from the West and Central Africa region: Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, The Gambia, Guinea, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal and Togo (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.10-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.18, respectively); 16 from the Americas and Caribbean region: Belize, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Venezuela (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.19-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.34, respectively); 3 from the East Asia and Pacific region: Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia and Thailand (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.35-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.37, respectively); 3 from the South Asia region: Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.38-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.40, respectively); 1 from the Central and Eastern Europe, Commonwealth of Independent States and Baltic States region: Republic of Moldova (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.41); and 8 from the Middle East and North Africa region: Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Yemen (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.42-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.49, respectively).

Following an introductory statement by the Director, Programme Division, the regional directors will provide brief overviews of activities in their regions, as well as summaries of the country notes being presented at this session.

5. Pledging event

As an element of decision 1999/8 on the resource mobilization strategy, a pledging event will be held at the first regular session each year at which Governments in a position to do so will announce their voluntary contributions to UNICEF regular

resources, as well as payment schedules, for a particular current year, together with firm or indicative contributions for future years.

6. Private Sector Division work plan and proposed budget for 2001

[*For action — E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.1*]

The Executive Board will have before it the PSD work plan and proposed budget for 2001. The Board may wish to consider and adopt the draft resolutions relating to the budget proposal.

7. Update on the preparatory process for the General Assembly Special Session on Children in 2001: oral report

The secretariat will report on the state of preparations for the Special Session on Children to be held from 19 to 21 September 2001.

8. Establishment of an operational reserve

[*For action — E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.3*]

This report has been prepared in response to the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to review the advantages and disadvantages of establishing an operational reserve for both regular and other resources (see E/ICEF/1999/AB/L.10, para. 9). The Board may wish to consider and adopt the draft recommendation contained in the report.

The Board will also have before it for review the report of the Advisory Committee on this report (E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.4).

9. Financial matters

The following two reports were deferred from the second regular session of 2000 to allow the Board to receive the report of the Board of Auditors and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on it. The Board would also have the benefit of having input from the deliberations of the Fifth Committee on this issues.

(a) UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 1999 and report of the Board of Auditors

[*For action — Supplement No. 5B (A/55/5/Add.2)*]

This report is presented to the Board for review and noting. It is submitted in line with General Assembly resolution 50/204 of 23 December 1995 and the formats agreed upon by the Administrative Committee on Coordination. It is prepared to achieve the harmonization of the presentation of the accounts of the agencies in the United Nations system.

(b) Report to the United Nations Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

[*For information — E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.2*]

As an ongoing practice, UNICEF has been submitting a report to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee, to advise the Assembly as to the

measures that the organization will take to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors. This document reports on the steps taken or to be taken in response to the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the UNICEF accounts for the biennium 1998-1999. It also presents the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the UNICEF accounts for the biennium 1996-1997.

10. UNICEF Maurice Pate Award

Under this agenda item, the Executive Board will review current practice concerning the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award.

11. Other matters

Under this agenda item, and as follow-up to a request made at the annual session in June 2000, the Executive Director will report orally on the issue of staff morale — what has been accomplished and what areas still need improvement. The Board may also consider discussing any other issues that it finds timely and appropriate under this agenda item.

12. Closing remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks and suspend the session in view of the convening of the joint meeting with the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA and WFP.

13. Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The theme of the joint meeting will be follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/27, paragraph 7, of 28 July 2000 on "Basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels". In that resolution, the Council requests the Executive Boards of the United Nations funds and programmes to review the Common Country Assessment indicator frameworks and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 2001. A joint paper on "Frameworks for Common Country Assessment Indicators" (DP/2001/CRP.4-DP/FPA/2001/CRP.1-E/ICEF/2001/CRP.3) has been prepared to facilitate the discussion.

Annex

Proposed timetable and organization of work for the first regular session of 2001 of the Executive Board, 22 to 26 January*

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Wednesday, 24 January	a.m.	*Item 4 (cont'd)*	Country notes (*continued*)
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Thursday, 25 January	a.m.	*Item 6*	PSD work plan and proposed budget for 2001
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	p.m.	*Item 8*	Establishment of an operational reserve
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* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

** Deferred from the second regular session in September 2000.

			(b) Report to the United Nations Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
Friday, 26 January	a.m.	*Item 10*	UNICEF Maurice Pate Award
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	p.m.	*Item 13*	Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA and WFP